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MCCAIN: IMMIGRATION ORDER CONFUSING

1 Sen. John McCain said that President Donald Trump's order targeting immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries has been "confusing" and raised a number of questions. "It's been a very confusing process," McCain, a Republican and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told CBS' "Face the Nation." McCain said the effect of Trump's immigration order

"will probably, in some areas, give ISIS some more propaganda," and asked why the countries targeted by the order included Iraq, where U.S. forces are fighting alongside Iraqi forces against Islamic State. McCain said he was "worried" about the addition of Steve Bannon to the U.S. National Security Council. REUTERS

REACTION AGAINST IMMIGRATION ORDER

2 A global reaction against President Donald Trump's immigration curbs gathered strength as several countries including long-standing American allies criticized the measures as discriminatory and divisive. Governments from London and Berlin to Jakarta and Tehran spoke out against Trump's order to put a four-month hold on allowing refugees into the United States and temporarily ban travelers from Syria and six other Muslim-majority countries. In Germany — which has taken in large numbers of people fleeing the Syrian civil war — Chancellor Angela Merkel said the global fight against terrorism was no excuse for the measures and "does not justify putting people of a specific background or faith under general suspicion," her spokesman said. REUTERS

ORDER MAY HELP RECRUIT TERRORISTS

3 Republican Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham said that President Donald Trump's order halting arrivals of refugees and others from seven Muslim-majority countries may do more to help recruit terrorists than improve U.S. security. "Ultimately, we fear this executive order will become a self-inflicted wound in the fight against terrorism," they said in a statement, adding that the United States should not stop green card holders "from returning to the country they call home." "This executive order sends a signal, intended or not, that America does not want Muslims coming into our country. That is why we fear this executive order may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security," said McCain, of Arizona, and Graham, of South Carolina. REUTERS

MUSLIM BAN PROTEST

5 Demonstrators march down Pennsylvania Avenue during a protest on Sunday in Washington, D.C. Protesters in Washington and around the country gathered to protest President Donald Trump's executive order barring the citizens of Muslim-majority countries Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen from traveling to the United States. GETTY IMAGES

ATTORNEYS GENERAL DECRY TRUMP'S ORDER

4 Democratic attorneys general across the United States condemned President Trump's order to restrict people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the country and are discussing whether to challenge the administration in court. A lawsuit brought by states would heighten the legal stakes surrounding the executive order, since courtroom challenges have so far mostly been filed by individuals. The attorneys general from 15 states and the District of Columbia said in a joint statement they would work together to fight to ensure the federal government respected the Constitution. The officials that signed the statement represent California, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Virginia, Vermont, Oregon, Connecticut, New Mexico, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Illinois and the District of Columbia. REUTERS

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President Trump's immigration order ignited waves of protests from coast to coast. As expected, the president took to Twitter to dismiss his critics and blame the media for "false" reporting. Check out Metro's reporting and photos from the protests and decide for yourself.

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Protesters crowd Philadelphia Airport to fight Trump's ban

President Trump signed an executive order Friday banning the entry of refugees from seven majority-Muslim nations.

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Nearly 5,000 people flooded the Philadelphia International Airport Sunday afternoon to denounce President Donald Trump's executive order indefinitely barring Syrian refugees and suspending citizens and refugees from six other Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for at least 90 days.

Organized on Facebook, the protest outside Terminal A overflowed the International Arrivals Hall and brought traffic into the airport to a halt as police and security had to cut access to entrances and roadways for the sheer number of people.

The protest was in response to the previous night, when two Syrian refugee families had flown from Beirut to Doha, Qatar, to Philadelphia to meet with their relatives, who live in Allentown.

Originally from Damascus, the Christian families — two brothers and their wives and children — arrived at Philadelphia International Airport Saturday morning, just one day after Trump signed his executive order banning refugees from their home country. They were approved to enter the United States in 2015, obtained immigrant visas and were approved for green cards.

But Customs and Border Protection officials denied the refugees entry. An agent told Sarah Assali, a relative of the families, that their paperwork wasn't valid. The families were sent back to Qatar on a flight later Saturday morning.

Christine Flowers, a prominent conservative columnist for Philly.com and an immigration attorney in Philadelphia, denounced the executive order, calling it "poorly written and poorly implemented," adding that it likely violates the Constitution.

"I am very pro-life. And I see this as a continuum of the whole ethic of being pro-life," Flowers told Metro Philadelphia at the demonstration. "When you turn refugees away — particularly those who are coming from Syria, from the Sudan, from the countries that are on the banned list — that's not a pro-life ethic."

In a recent column, Flowers picked on Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric, including his renewed promises to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico and threats to defund sanctuary cities, like Philadelphia.

On Sunday, Flowers, who has more than two decades of experience in refugee law and asylum, said she was attending the protest at the airport to link with fellow lawyers and offer her pro bono services.

"We have to care about people, whether they are in the womb, or they are out and they need our help," she added.

Inside the airport, two medical students from Thomas Jefferson University shared their parents' stories of escaping to the United States.

Keyur Patel and Dan Vari, both 26, held coordinating signs: "son of immigrants" and "son of refugees."

Vari's Hungarian parents escaped Communism in the 1980s. Patels came from India during the same decade.

Comparing the post-Sept. 11 fear many Americans displayed for people of Middle Eastern origin, Vari said the sentiment now, under Trump's executive order, is very different.

For more from Patel and Vari, visit metro.us.

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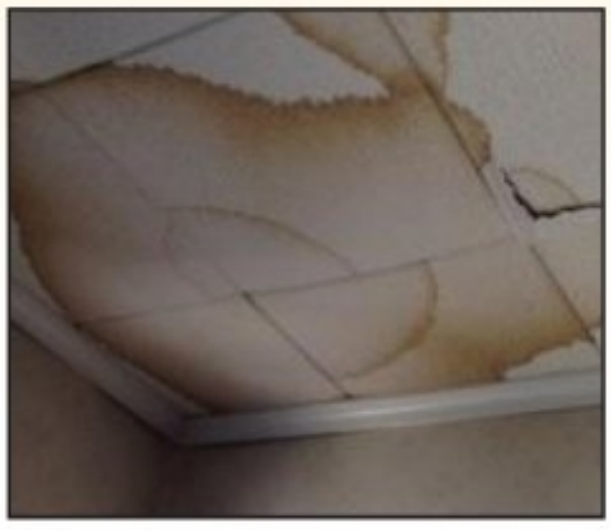

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Immigration lawyer explains Trump's orders

President Trump's executive orders sparked concerns from immigrants and sanctuary cities, but what do these orders actually include and is it constitutional?

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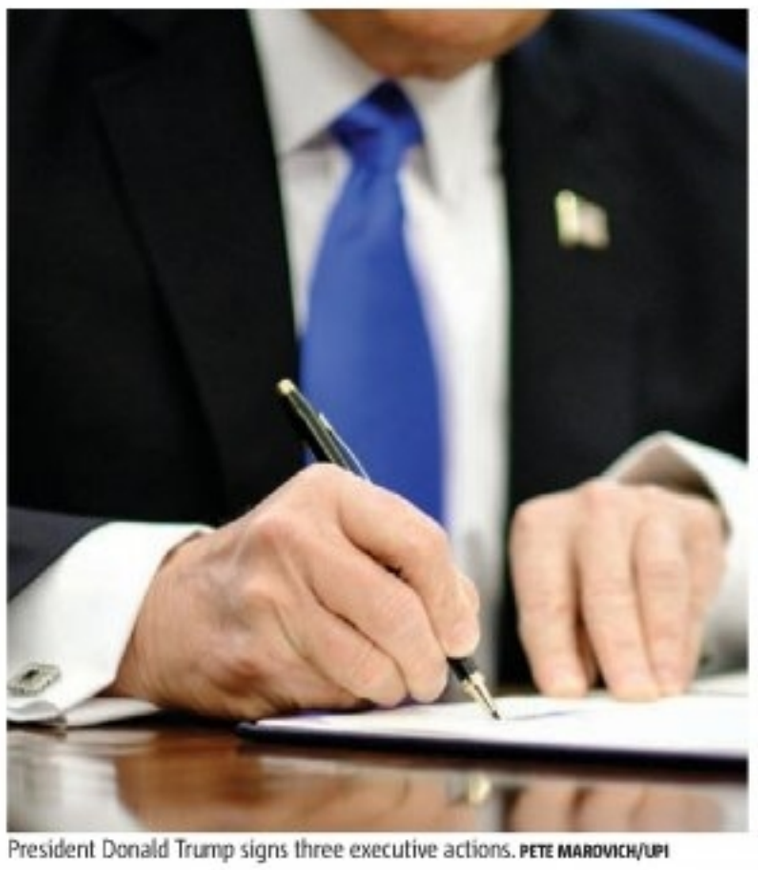
In his first week in office, President Trump signed five executive orders and those actions have spurred a lot of responses, but what can these orders actually do? Laura Rotolo, an immigration lawyer with the ACLU of Massachusetts, explains.

These are executive orders and not laws, does that affect anything?
Immigration is a complicated area that's governed both by executive action and congressional action. Some of the things Trump is talking about can only be done through Congress, though there is a lot of executive power in immigration. But these things are going to need money.

Trump's executive order concerning sanctuary cities says they "willfully violate federal law in an attempt to shield aliens from removal" from the U.S.; is that true?
The fact that it says "willfully violate" is really important. Most of these sanctuary cities and trust act policies do not willfully violate any federal law. The federal law that the executive order focuses on is actually very narrow — all that law says is that no agency or official can prohibit or restrict the flow of information among agencies about two things, citizenship and immigration status. The policies that I've seen in Massachusetts do what they have a legal right to do, which is refuse voluntary collaboration with immigration.



President Donald Trump signs three executive actions. PETE MAROVICH/UPI

Can you clarify what is voluntary and what would fall into the flow of information?
Some of it is information, but it's not information that falls into those two categories. If you have somebody in your custody, [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] wants to know "When is that person getting out so we can come pick them up?" That is not prescribed in the statute. Holding somebody in a local cell, paid for by the locality, supervised by local officials — that is something the federal government can't force localities to do.

If a city refuses to comply, this order says it could withhold federal funding. Can be done?
We would see any withholding of funding as coercion. The lawsuit about Obamacare is really helpful here: The Affordable Care [Act] case talked about withdrawing funding from cities who were not complying and the Supreme Court talked about using that funding as coercion and struck down those provisions.

What cities could be targeted?
There is no legal definition of what a sanctuary city is. That being said, the executive order says that the attorney general will decide which cities are subject to this sort of retaliation — which cities they consider to be a sanctuary city. So even if your city doesn't call itself that, the attorney general may designate it one and go after its funding.

What is the legal responsibility when an undocumented immigrant is talking to law enforcement for something unrelated to their immigration status?
It's sort of a states' rights and cities' rights issue. Police chiefs have said across the country that they can't win the trust of the community if they're seen as ICE agents. It's better for community policing to draw a clear line — not talking about immigration status at the local level and not turning people over to ICE. If you know your police are going to turn you over, you won't call for help, you won't collaborate in fighting crimes.

For more views on the president's orders, visit metro.us

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Protesters gathered Saturday night at JFK International Airport in New York. GETTY IMAGES

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Opinion

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It's not a Muslim ban. It's just a ban on Muslims.

Got it?

Now go explain that to the lady in New York Harbor who needs to dim her lamp now and edit the Emma Lazarus poem at her feet. "Beat it, you huddled masses yearning to breathe free!"

Thousands of anti-Trump demonstrators made that point quite eloquently yesterday.

If you doubt that America's new unwelcome mat is all about religion, consider the Muslim percentage of the seven countries singled out by Donald Trump: Iraq (95 percent), Iran (99.4 percent), Libya (97 percent), Somalia (99.8 percent), Sudan (97 percent), Syria (93 percent) and Yemen (almost 100 percent).

Now compare that to the percent of terrorists in America who came from the same seven Middle Eastern and African lands: Zero. And Saudi Arabia, the 9/11 mother lode of anti-American terror, isn't even on the new president's stay-out list.

Yes, Trump's "extreme vetting" was hardly vetted at all.

Apparently, Rudy Giuliani is the brains behind the de facto ban, along with senior White House strategist Steve Bannon. The former New York City mayor said Trump "called me up" and requested: "Show me the right way to do it, legally."

Rudy may have miscalculated this time. After flash mobs of outraged protesters stormed JFK, Dulles and other American airports and U.S. allies went bonkers around the world, a federal judge in Brooklyn pulled an emergency brake on the whole fiasco. None of the airport detainees should be sent back to their dangerous homelands, District Court Judge Anne Donnelly ruled.

What does America stand for: freedom or fear?

The surprising part was how ineptly the whole thing was done. No one outside a narrow White House circle was consulted beforehand. Not Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly. Not CIA Director Mike Pompeo. Not the legal staff at the Justice Department.

For more on the immigration issue, visit metro.us.

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A CASE AGAINST BICYCLE HELMET LAWS

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Bike-share systems in places like New York and Philadelphia are thriving, but a crisis hit—and then sunk—Seattle's system this month. The Emerald City's bike-share system is dead. It's probably got a lot to do with helmet laws. And if we expect Philadelphia's system to continue expanding, it's important we don't ever fall for a false sense of security the way that city did.

After launching in 2014 under the ownership of a nonprofit organization, Seattle's Pronto Bike Share was bought out by the city for just $1.4 million in 2016.

Being run by the city put Seattle on equal footing with most city bike-share systems in the United States, but the infusion of new leadership and money was not be enough to fix Seattle's Pronto Bike Share. The city itself is at a disadvantage due to outdated laws that force all cyclists, regardless of age, to wear a helmet.

Helmets work, helmet laws don't

The conventional wisdom goes that bicyclists who ride on the streets with several-ton motor vehicles on a daily basis should be forced to wear helmets if they want to survive a crash. But conventional wisdom is probably wrong.

Wearing a helmet is a good idea, sure. But evidence and data suggest that requiring bicyclists to wear helmets could actually put everyone on the street—bicyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicle users—in more danger. The main argument for helmet usage has been that in the event of a crash, the plastic hat can keep your skull, and brain, safer. And while helmets are shown to work in some cases, required helmet usage could actually make the streets much worse for cyclists.

Laws deter use

Cyclists would be smart to strap on a helmet before riding on the streets with motor vehicles. But required use of helmets creates the guise that cycling is inherently dangerous, and keeps many potentially new users from getting on a bike for the first time.

When new potential mandatory helmet laws for all cyclists are brought up in city halls and state houses around the country, most cycling advocacy groups, who are usually proponents to increases in cyclists' safety, fight against those laws.

Randy LoBasso is communications manager at the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.

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NBA concerned with 'Muslim ban'; players speak out

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Recent events could seriously impact the foreigner-heavy NBA.

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The NBA opened its 2016-17 season with a record 101 foreign-born players on its rosters.

And in the wake of recent unrest regarding Donald Trump's executive order banning travel to the United States for people from seven countries, the league has gotten understandably nervous.

Two of its stars, Luol Deng of the Lakers and rookie Thon Maker of the Bucks, have ties to one of the seven countries, Sudan. The league also has almost a half dozen former players who were born in the countries included in the ban: Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Iran.

The ruling has been stayed by federal judges, but it's unclear whether the legal finding will actually help to settle the unrest.

"The National Basketball Association has contacted the State Department to understand how President Donald Trump's executive order to suspend immigration from seven countries could impact the league's players," NBA spokesman Mike Bass told The Vertical. "The NBA has two active players, including Milwaukee Bucks rookie Thon Maker and Los Angeles Lakers veteran Luol Deng, who have Sudanese roots. The NBA is a global league and we are proud to attract the very best players from around the world."

A bevy of NBA players, former players and executives have spoken out, including Steve Nash, Jeremy Lin, Enes Kanter and Muslim member of the Brooklyn Nets Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Hollis-Jefferson grew up near Philadelphia and his brother Rahlil played college basketball at Temple. He emotionally addressed the news media, calling the situation "BS."

"We try to teach people not to point the finger, blame a whole [group]. You can't judge a whole group by one's actions at the end of the day. And I feel like that's not right. That's definitely not right," Hollis-Jefferson said Saturday before they faced the Timberwolves. "You can't speak for all Muslims because all Muslims' hearts aren't like that. Most of them are pure, really believe in a different way and a different livelihood."

"I feel like this should definitely be handled differently, and I feel like more people should definitely speak up and act on it just because it's BS at the end of the day." Hollis-Jefferson

The forward turned away, fighting off tears before he continued.

"This is kind of hard. My bad. This is kind of touching … just being a part of that community and a part of that family," Hollis-Jefferson said.

"It's clear that if travel bans like this continue, work forces in America's major sports leagues will be effected — in the same manner that Americans from all walks of life have already been effected.

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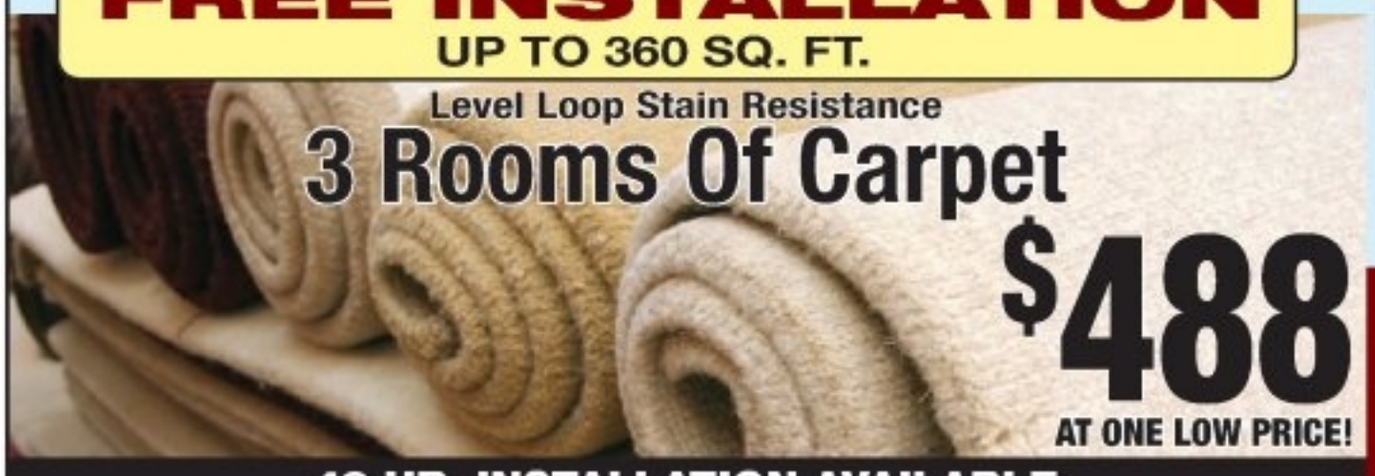

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Upward of 180 million Americans could be huddled around televisions on Feb. 5 to watch the National Football League's title game between the Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots, and newly elected President Donald Trump's vision of America could well be reflected in everything from advertising to the broadcast and halftime shows.

With Fox televising this year's showcase viewers can expect a pro-Trump tone but the network will nonetheless have to strike a balance taking into account the current political landscape, says Dennis Deninger, who works in the sport management program at Syracuse University and teaches a course The Super Bowl in Society.

Super Bowl GETTY IMAGES

"I don't think Fox News made any secret about who they preferred win the election," Deninger told Reuters. "Obviously they are putting on a telecast that is going to reach close to 200 million people over the course of the game, so they have to reach out to the more than 65 million people or so who voted for Donald Trump.

"They have to be careful that it is not politically weighted one way or another.

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Jamali Maddix hangs out with Neo-Nazis

Maddix films for tonight's episode, "Hunting the White Devil." ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

The English comedian confronts racism on Viceland's "Hate Thy Neighbor."

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With racism and misogyny continuing to seep into our political culture, Viceland's "Hate Thy Neighbor" couldn't come at a better time.

In the show, English comedian Jamali Maddix tours the U.S. and gets to know the people on the inside of hate groups, like the National Socialist Movement and Israelite School of Universal Practical Knowledge. Maddix chats with us about what racism looks like in the U.K. and the common thread running through many hate groups.

As an Englishman, you have a unique perspective on race relations in the United States. How are things different here versus the U.K.?

It's such a complicated question because it's obviously different. In England, you can't be a Holocaust denier or say Holocaust-denial things in public, for example. Racism exists in both places, but it's a different culture. You had the civil-rights movement and open discussions about slavery. In England, we still haven't really had that discussion yet. While we may have more covert racism, both countries still have racism.

You come from a biracial heritage, and in the episodes I've seen so far, you hung out with one hate group that was opposed to nonwhites (NSM) and another that was opposed to nonblacks (ISUPK). Did you ever fear for your safety?

There were some times where I went back to the hotel and I thought about what I did that day and I'm like, "Oh, that was a sticky situation." When you're filming, you're so engrossed in your work that you don't think about it that much. It's probably stupid of me, but you're just working and you go, "Oh, that put me in quite a heavy situation."

What was the most shocking revelation for you in the course of filming this show?

I saw a lot of hypocrisy and stuff like that. I kind of want to leave it to the viewer to be surprised by twists and turns.

For me, seeing how great of a father Dan is to his kids and how friendly and welcoming he is to you — and yet, he's a neo-Nazi — I found that really shocking.

So was I. It's strange. It's hard to understand sometimes. He has these great traits about him, but he has these weird views. You've got to remember that we're dealing with people, and people have likable traits. It's a very complicated situation.

Jamali Maddix

Trump just took office. What are your thoughts on that whole situation?

To say that there's no rise in conservatism and right-wing views would be a lie. Same with where I come from. You've got Brexit and stuff like that. Just going to see how it plays out. I'm not envious, but I didn't vote. I don't have the right to vote here. My views are obsolete, really. I don't think I would have voted Trump.

A common thread I noticed between the different hate groups is that rather than accept responsibility for their problems, they put the blame on an outside party — whether it be the NSM against nonwhites or ISUPK against nonblacks.

There is a sense of coping. Why I made the show is to try to understand it and why they use this thing to cope. I don't know if I cracked it. I think it does have to do with a sense of community, too.

The next episode of "Hate Thy Neighbor" airs tonight on Viceland at 10 p.m.

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"Injustice 2"

Heroes of DC Comics fight back in the sequel to 2013's "Injustice: Gods Among Us." The main novelties of NetherRealm Studios' upcoming game is the customization of armor, which now offers different styles of fighting. The game will be available May 16 for PS4, Xbox One and PC.

"Red Dead Redemption 2"

Despite being one of the most anticipated games of 2017, not many details about the sequel to the 2010 original have been released. However, it has been confirmed that this action-adventure will bring players to the world of the American Wild West. It will be released for PS4 and Xbox One in the second half of the year.

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Single and Swiping

Laurie Davis Edwards is the founder of eFlirt, an online dating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online Dating."

If you're single and swiping, it's likely that you've felt dating fatigue before. It's that moment when you just can't look at another profile or go on another bad date. So you log off. You're burnt out.

Most online daters cycle through times of being proactive — sending and swiping — and times of inaction, when you've deleted or hidden your profile. But the way to a relationship is through consistency in the actions you take to meet people.

To create consistency, you've got to avoid burn out. Here are three ways to avoid it once and for all:

1 Stop investing all your emotion early on.

There are four stages of action in dating: searching/swiping, messaging, dating and relationship development. The most time is usually spent in the first two stages: searching and messaging. When we spend a lot of time on something, we invest the most emotion there. So it's easy to get caught up in someone's witty text banter before meeting.

In dating, emotion is currency. If you invest high in the first two stages, your heart's bank account will be drained before you meet. Keep messages short and create searching routines to limit your time — and save on emotion.

2 Pace yourself.

When you're coming off of a dating hiatus, there's a lot of enthusiasm. You're excited for new potential in your life, which often means you move fast by sending many messages and planning lots of dates. But expectations are also higher in the beginning. High activity can feel discouraging if first dates don't turn into second or third ones. When you pace yourself and stop rushing, you'll avoid feeling burnt out after you've only barely begun.

3 Make decisions now.

It's so often we end up overthinking in dating. You wonder, "Is he going to text me?" Or, "Will she really say yes if I ask her out again?" There's a lot of thinking before decisions are made. Too much thinking. And that exhausts your emotions, too. Stop the cycle of overthinking by focusing on your feelings instead. Rather than, "Will she really say yes?" ask yourself, "Do I want to ask her out?" If the answer is yes, commit and do it. No more spinning your wheels getting burnt out on hypotheticals. Your emotions will thank you.

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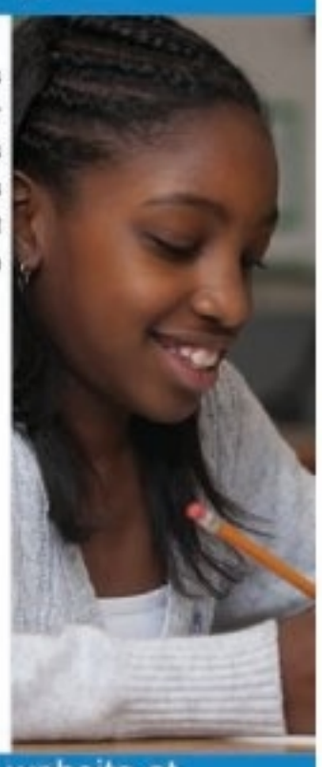

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Teaching in the age of Trump

Three professors discuss how this year's election affected their classrooms.

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A presidential campaign centered on bigotry, racism, sexism and, as of late, a complete disregard for facts, is likely to cause a commotion, especially on college campuses whose mission — promoting inclusion and an open exchange of ideas — are in direct conflict with the president's agenda.

We spoke with three professors to see how this year's election affected what they discussed with students getting ready to enter this new era of uncertainty.

New York University

Courses: "Queer Cultures" & "Intersections of Race, Gender and Sexuality in a Global Context"
Professor: Gayatri Gopinath

Never before did the concept of "intersectionality" — which is the basis of both of these classes — seem so necessary. I co-taught the latter class with my colleague Lisa Duggan, and we stressed to students that we can't understand the Trump phenomenon, and his particular brand of toxic masculinity, without an intersectional analysis of class, white supremacy and misogyny. We also stressed the need to place Trump within a broader transnational frame of right-wing populist movements that are resurgent in Europe, the Philippines, India and elsewhere. I wanted to give students the tools to develop not only a cogent analysis of this historical moment and what brought us here, but also a sense of how radical social change and transformation happens. This is what studying queer culture gives us: the realization that a small group of people can lead to lasting change. Queer communities have always figured out creative and brilliant ways to thrive in the face of insurmountable odds. I hope this gave my students a sense of hope and possibility even in the midst of what seems to be a devastating setback.

University of Pennsylvania

Course: "Contemporary Political Theory: Freedom, Power, Equality"
Professor: Nancy J. Hirschmann

We didn't talk about the election per se, because some of my students voted one way and others voted another. Rather, we were focused on the hate emails that Penn's African-American freshmen had been sent ... a few days after the election, and the racist, hateful actions that had been taken by neo-Nazis in Trump's name. All of us condemned these actions, regardless of who people voted for. On the syllabus that day, it so happened, was Martin Luther King's "Letter From Birmingham City Jail" as well as his "I Have a Dream" speech. Those readings were already meant to open up discussion about racial equality, so the timing was painfully appropriate. But as I said to my students, what's important is not how you voted. It's how we treat each other going forward. That will be the true test of the Trump administration — whether his policies treat all Americans with equal respect or whether they continue to stir up and enable racism and sexism.

Boston University

Course: "The Presidency and the Media"
Professor: Christopher B. Daly

A year ago, when we were planning the course, I came up with an idea for the students' final papers: Draft an inaugural address for the winner. Of course, in early 2016, we had no idea that the winner would turn out to be Donald Trump. When he won, many students were visibly upset. Some asked to be excused from the assignment. But our view was that one of the goals of a liberal education is the opportunity to understand a point of view very different from your own. So, we made everyone complete the task. They were great. In fact, there were several that were far superior to the actual inaugural we heard recently from Trump himself.

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Meet the reporter who moonlights as a romance novelist

Writer Tamara Lush on how to do both.

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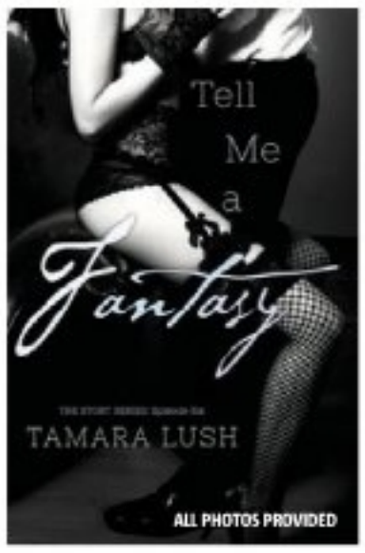

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Tamara Lush writes — a lot. For her day job, she's an award-winning correspondent with the Associated Press. At night, she works on her fiction, which includes eight erotic romance novels to date ("chick lit with sex," as she describes it). Her latest, "Tell Me a Fantasy," came out Jan. 17, while three days prior, she broke the news on the closing of the Ringling Bros. Circus.

The 46-year-old Florida resident is riding the rails as part of the 2017 Amtrak Residency Program, which grants selected writers time to work on projects aboard the train. For Lush, that means another balancing act: during her two-week residency, she's compiling mini-profiles of fellow riders in an AP series called "Tales From a Train," while editing a draft of a new novel.

She calls in from a stopover in Denver to talk about her dual careers and how writing fiction has made her a better reporter.

Tell us about your double life as a reporter and romance novelist.
I've been a reporter for 25 years. I've always loved romance novels. I stopped reading a lot of fiction and read a lot of narrative nonfiction in journalism. Then once I got to the AP nine years ago, I started covering a lot of really awful things. I covered the Haiti earthquake, I've covered a lot of mass shootings. At some point it just snapped in me that I wanted to write something with a happy ending.

How do you have the energy to do both?
I was worried that I wouldn't have the energy for it. But then this weird thing happened where writing fiction energized my journalism. It's actually kept me from getting in a mid-career rut. Sometimes, I think, in journalism we can slip into this whole, "What are the facts? Let's just churn out the facts."

Writing fiction has given me this chance to look at things differently. If I'm covering something in a courtroom, [I think] how would I describe this if I were writing a book? It's helped me find my writing voice, too.

Any advice for journalists who want to pursue creative writing?
I think that reporters are in this very unique position to be able to write creatively because they have the discipline. I don't ever feel writer's block because as a reporter you know you can't afford that. You have to write something; your editor wants it. I just do it. I have a story in my mind and I'm pretty organized about it.

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SIXERS' BROWN IS COACHING BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE IN NBA

Brett Brown deserves some real credit this season. GETTY IMAGES

OPINION

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Sit in a room with Sixers' head coach Brett Brown, pregame, postgame or — anytime really — and one thing is abundantly clear: This guy knows basketball.

However, it's hard to credit an NBA coach with a career record of 64-227 (as of Sunday afternoon) as having a great NBA mind.

But the plight of the 55-year-old's head coaching career is one we've never really seen in pro sports.

He's been hamstrung. He had the NBA Rookie of the Year — Michael Carter-Williams — and then he didn't.

He was gifted two third overall picks, one first overall pick, plus a bevy of other young talent only to be setback by injuries or by redundancies (like three superstar centers and not enough minutes).

He has also been given no veteran talent. He's been told not to play budding All-Star Joel Embiid more than 28 minutes per game and can't play last week's Eastern Conference Player of the Week in back-to-back games.

And he is coaching during a time period of absolute disparity in talent, coaching the team that is known more than anything else for tanking.

And yet, he's got Nerlens Noel playing like an All-NBA defensive player — and scoring too. He has undrafted free agent T.J. McConnell looking like an NBA point guard and has turned three-point savant Robert Covington into a lockdown defender. And if there was any justice in the world, Embiid would have been named as a member of next month's All-Star team.

His Sixers clinched their first winning record in a month in years and they are playing on national television.

And prior to the team's respectable loss to the NBA's third best team, Houston, Brown's Sixers were 9-3 in 2017.

The numbers aren't there at the surface. But Brown, who has won four NBA titles as an assistant to Gregg Popovich in San Antonio, is coaching better than anyone else in the NBA right now.

The Vertical's Adrian Wojnarowski has lauded Brown's performance, saying on his website last week that: "In every way, Brown has emerged The Process unbent and undeterred. Around the NBA, people long wondered whether Brown could get through the tanking to the other side, survive the darkness of losing to reach the warmth beneath the light of victory. And slowly, surely, he is getting there. Brown probably won't be the NBA's coach of the year, but he's one of the season's best stories..."

Brown has somehow been able to fight through adversity during extreme lows. The 17-28 Sixers aren't likely to make the payoffs this season but the fact that Embiid and company are preaching that there is a chance is remarkable, looking at where the team was last year (they went 10-72). The five-year plan is looking more like a two or three year plan. And much of that is due to Brown's patience and eagerness to teach in practice.

"I think we are closer than what people think we are," the coach said after a recent win.

After seeing the team rip off back-to-back wins in a back-to-back without Embiid against the Clippers and Bucks last week — before a loss to Houston that saw Philly with the high-powered offense for all 48 minutes — I think they are too.

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Breaking down the undeniable fact that Embiid should be an All-Star

The Sixers' rookie was snubbed twice from making the Eastern Conference roster this month.

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James Harden was recently selected for his fifth All-Star Game. No surprise there considering Harden is also a candidate for the league's Most Valuable Player award. He made that abundantly clear following a scintillating 51-point, 13-rebound, 13-assist performance in the Houston Rockets' 123-118 win over the 76ers Friday night.

Harden was virtually unstoppable.

Following the impressive road win, Harden was more taken with a player on the opposite bench: Joel Embiid.

"They have a lot of guys who play hard and obviously he [Embiid] is the face of the franchise," Harden said.

How true.

Embiid returned from a three-game absence for a left knee contusion to produce 32 points — one off tying his career-high — seven rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocked shots. He also knocked down four 3-pointers, matching a career-best.

It was quite a show for a rookie who hadn't played in three games. It was also a message to the league.

Remember, Embiid was snubbed as a reserve for the Eastern Conference All-Stars.

"Joel should be on the All-Star team and there's no question about it," said Sixers guard T.J. McConnell. "He deserves it. He's worked for it. I don't know exactly how it all works in terms of picking the reserves, but it's crazy that he's not one of them. You can't tell me he doesn't belong because he does."

Embiid is the only NBA rookie this season with at least one 30-point game and he actually has two. The last rookie with multiple 30-point games within the first 31 games of their career was Michael Carter-Williams with two in 2013-14. In addition, Embiid has posted at least 20 points in 19 games to lead all rookies. The rest of the league's rookies have combined for 15.

Every single day it seems like Joel Embiid becomes a bigger NBA superstar. GETTY IMAGES

All of this with a 28-minute restriction, a leg contusion and mandated rest on back-to-back nights.

"There is zero doubt he's an NBA All-Star," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "None in my mind. He has so much more to grow into. He's just scratching the surface."

Embiid opened the game against the Rockets with a drive to the basket followed by a vicious left-handed slam dunk. Rust. What rust?

"I mean he comes out, you know we ran the first play to start the game, and you're not going to see a more sort of jaw-dropping play in the league really, that is jaw-dropping for a 7-foot-2 man to pull it going toward his weak hand and finish like he did," Brown said. "I thought throughout the game you know you always see signs of brilliance. You see signs that he is young and still learning how to play NBA basketball and nuances that follow that, defensively and offensively. But in general, we all walk away again thinking he could be whatever he wants to be."

Embiid believes that he's worthy of being an All-Star. He tweeted how thankful he was for the support of his thousands of followers. Then he went out and supported the message of his All-Star ability when playing at less than 100 percent.

"I felt great physically, my conditioning was really bad," Embiid said. "My knee felt great, it was a little sore, but that was expected. The doctor told me it's a bone bruise, so it will take two to three weeks to heal. I felt great. I think I could have done more to help us win."

That's amazing maturity for a kid just learning the nuances of the NBA after missing two full seasons with a pair of foot surgeries.

Embiid's name will surely be called in future All-Star games. It should be called this season. He's clearly one of the 12 best players in the East. It's not a debate. At least to his teammates.

"Not a debate in my mind," McConnell said. "You'll never convince me otherwise. He's an All-Star. It's that simple."

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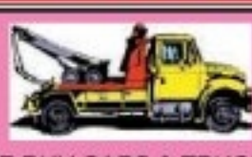

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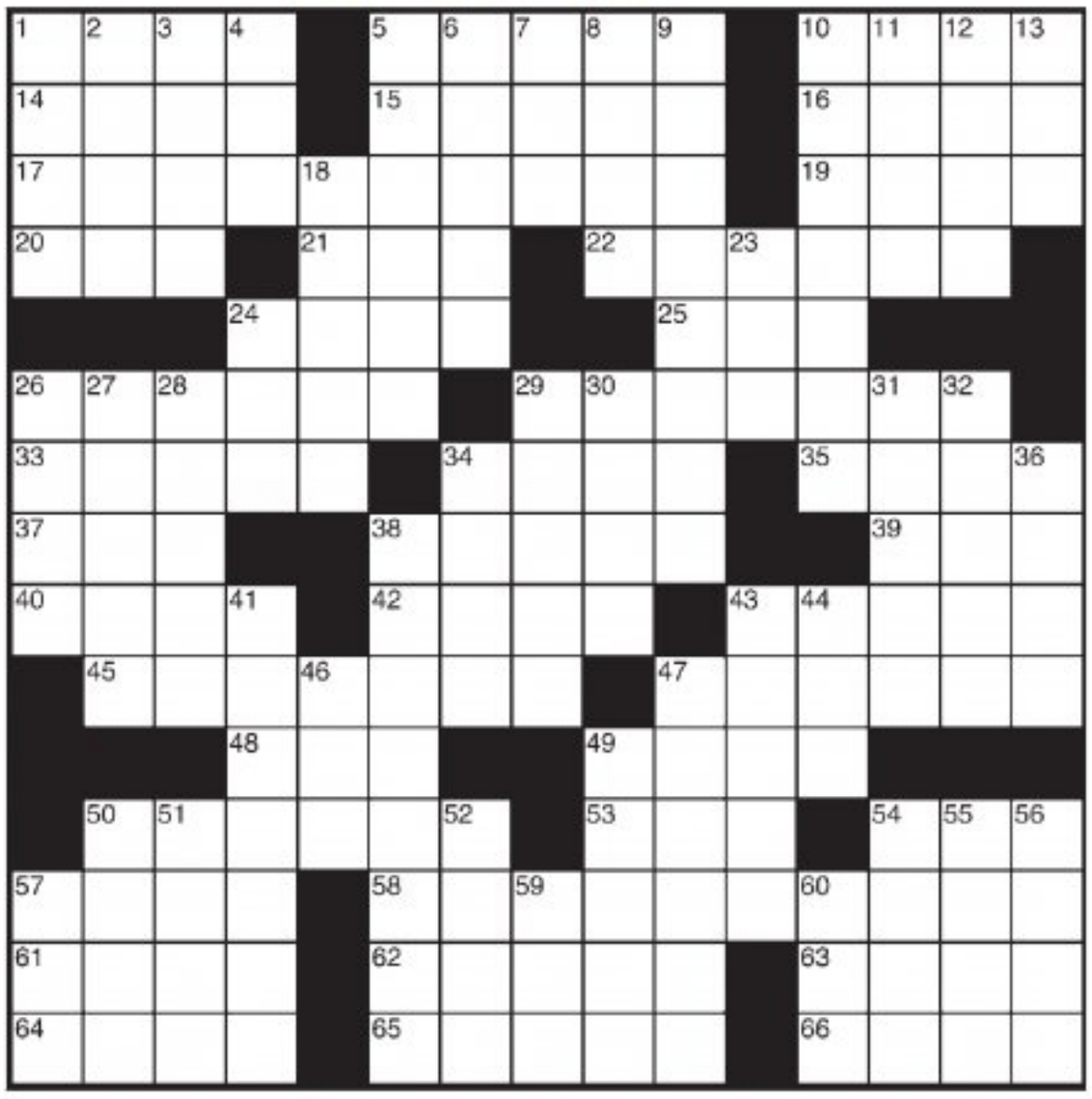

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Aries You'll be ready to take on the world, but that doesn't mean you should be impulsive. Think first, but don't hold back once you are ready to make your move.

Taurus Stay focused on what's important to you and what will bring you closer to your goals. Helping others will add to the knowledge and experience you need to advance.

Gemini Restrain yourself from getting involved in organizations that may conflict with your beliefs or background. Be prepared for some negative consequences.

Cancer Pace your actions, and don't fall into a trap that will lead to discord. Engage in striving for personal gains and exploring the endeavors that fascinate you.

Leo Put everything you've got into what you want to achieve. Personal perfection will be the result if you stay focused and intent on doing what you do best.

Virgo You'll be torn between what you want to do and what you should do. Take care of your responsibilities early so you can enjoy the things and people that mean the most.

Libra Your changeable attitude will confuse your inner circle. Try not to make impulsive decisions that could disrupt your home and family. Work on improving yourself.

Scorpio Put your time and effort into learning, reconnecting with people you've lost touch with and making your home more inspiring and conducive to creativity.

Sagittarius Not everyone will be on your side. Emotional manipulation will be difficult to deal with. Don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity.

Capricorn Be careful what you say and do. Problems with peers, relatives and people who oppose your way of thinking can be expected.

Aquarius An unexpected change in the way you handle financial or contractual matters will prove to be advantageous. Look past any limitations you face and forge ahead.

Pisces You'll be frustrated by the constraints imposed upon you. Don't give in when you can figure out a way to get around any obstacle. EUGENIA LAST

This weekend's answers

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